

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mollie Smith on September 10, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
 - receiving electronic ink input;
 - converting the electronic ink input to one or more machine-generated objects;
 - determining a size of the one or more machine-generated objects by calculating an average height of the corresponding electronic ink input and setting the size of the one or more machine-generated objects to be equivalent in scale for the calculated average height; ~~and~~
 - rendering the one or more machine-generated objects using the determined size for the machine-generated object or objects and an original inter-word spacing of the electronic ink input;
 - receiving input selecting an object from the rendered machine-generated object or objects; and

displaying the electronic ink input corresponding to the selected object in place of the selected object.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 41, wherein the displayed electronic ink input temporarily replaces the rendered machine-generated object or objects.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable nonvolatile storage medium including computer-executable instructions stored thereon which when executed by a processor perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving electronic ink input;

converting the electronic ink input to one or more machine-generated objects;

obtaining the received electronic ink input and determining a size of the one of more machine-generated objects by calculating an average height of the corresponding electronic ink input and setting the size of the one or more machine-generated objects to be equivalent in scale for the calculated average height; and

rendering the one or more machine-generated objects using the determined size for the machine-generated objects or objects and an original inter-word spacing of the electronic ink input;

receiving input selecting an object from the rendered machine-generated object or objects; and
displaying the electronic ink input corresponding to the selected object in place of the selected object.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Examiner's best prior art found was Ohta, US 5,111,514. Ohta teaches a method, comprising: receiving electronic ink input (**col. 4, lines 18-20**)(**manually written characters**); converting the electronic ink input to one or more machine-generated objects (**Abstract**)(**reproduced image**); determining a size of the one or more machine-generated objects by calculating an average height of the corresponding electronic ink input and setting the size of the one or more machine-generated objects to be equivalent in scale for the calculated average height (**Figs. 2 and 3, col. 4, lines 48-60**); and rendering the one or more machine-generated objects using a determined size for the machine-generated object or objects and an original inter-word spacing of the electronic ink input (**Figs. 2 and 3**)(**the spacing between the words "scanner" and "size" are equivalent as well as "item," "spec," and "remark"**). However, Ohta does not teach receiving input selecting an object from the rendered machine-generated object or objects; and displaying the electronic ink input corresponding to the selected object in place of the selected object. There is no obvious combination with Ohta either since Ohta teaches away from using a selected input, since the rendering is done

automatically and there is also no reason to go back to the original ink input since Ohta uses his rendering to make the generated objects neat and legible (**Figs. 2 and 3**).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL VANCHY JR whose telephone number is (571)270-1193. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vu Le can be reached on (571)272-7332. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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